

W/C Monday 21st February 2022

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Welcome back,

we hope you all enjoyed your half term break and are ready for a very busy rest of the Spring term. A very warm welcome to our new families joining WMS this half term.



### Chicken Pox

We have been notified about a case of chicken pox at the Children's House over the half-term. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children. It starts with red spots, that can appear anywhere on the body. Chicken pox is contagious until all the sores have crusted over which normally takes between 7-10 days. Please ensure you make the school office aware if your child is unwell.

### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March the children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be lots of fun and educational activities running throughout the week for the children to take part in to encourage a love of books and reading. Children will also receive book tokens to use in local bookshops.

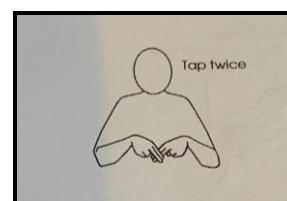


World Book Day activities will be running throughout the whole week at WMS so your child will be involved in many literacy and story opportunities – and get to visit our very own WMS library!

### End of term (not quite yet!)

Please note that we finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Children can attend Early Risers on the Thursday but there is no Tea Timer Club as the school closes at 12.30pm. Children do not require a packed lunch on this day.

### Sign of the week at WMS!



Your two right fingers (if right-handed) on top of your left hand two fingers is the 'finger spelling' for the letter 'f'. No tapping. Tap twice gives you daddy/father/dad.

*Visit [makaton.org](http://makaton.org) for further background and information on this great skill*

### Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 1st March by eating pancakes! The children will be taking part by preparing their topping by squeezing oranges and lemons and slicing bananas.



The children will be able to practice their 'pancake tossing' skills too! There will be dairy and gluten free pancakes for those with allergies.

### The Big Clean Up!

Oak class did a fantastic job clearing the leaves and sticks up in the garden. Such good team work!



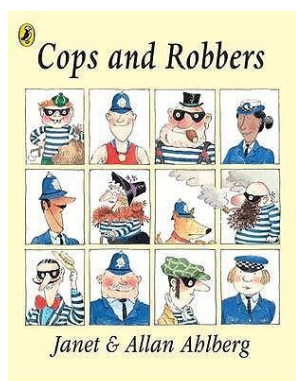
## Uniform

Please may you ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid mix-ups. This includes smocks, bags, lunch boxes, plimsolls, coats and hats, etc. Thank you.

## Class Information

### Book of the week:

*Cops and Robbers*  
by  
Janet and Allan  
Ablberg



## Composer of the Week



Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971). Born near St. Petersburg, he learned the piano as a young boy. Stravinsky moved to the USA during the Second World War. He settled in Hollywood, where he worked as a conductor and a teacher, while he continued to compose music. He became so famous in Hollywood that he was awarded a star on the Walk of Fame.

***Our last day of the Spring Term is Thursday 31st March 2022. School will finish at 12.30pm so no lunch on this day. Breakfast club will be running on the 31st but please note there will be no lunch time, afternoon session or tea timer's club on that day.***

## Children's House

Before the half-term break, the children at the Children's House had a very relaxed and peaceful week. We talked again about our feelings through the Colour Monster book. The children discussed how each emotion felt in their body, for example, how they feel their tummy tickle when they are nervous.

Later in the week we discussed the control of our emotions, and especially how to relax when we are

feeling nervous or angry. The children enjoyed a yoga and breath control session where they were able to experience what we have been learning in science about the respiratory. The children saw how our stomach moves when we inhale and exhale, and they learnt some tips to relax such as counting to 10 while deep breathing.

The children also celebrated Valentine's Day. They made such beautiful cards with lots of hearts and glitter!

This week, we are going to speak about jobs and people who help us, starting with the Police!

## Kindergarten - Oak Class

Welcome back to Oak class after the half term. We hope you all had a relaxing break.

The last week of the half-term was very busy for Oak class. We looked at the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and all visually recognised a photograph of the Queen. We made bookmarks to celebrate. We will be covering this important event in June when many celebrations will take place.



To finish off our topic of 'all about me' the children who had photos of their family were very happy to share them with the class. The class finished their booklets which I hope you have enjoyed reading and speaking to your child about.



Our 'out and about' session saw us using natural objects to create our own pictures. We celebrated Valentine's Day by making our salt dough hearts and our cards and we finished off the week by having a cookery lesson in class. We made our very own Valentine's cupcakes. The children were introduced to weighing scales where we



extended our learning talking about quantity and measurement. The cupcakes were then decorated using various toppers.

For this half term we will be learning about 'People who help us.' This week we are focusing on the Police and their role as well as talking about other people that do help us. The letter of the week will be 'p'.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

We started our last week before the half term with the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We saw photos of the Queen, learned about her 70 years of service and we had a nice time making our own crowns and decorating them using various materials.

We continued the week learning about our emotions using pictures and a beautiful song. We learned that we need to accept that every day we can feel different emotions and all of them are ok. We enjoyed associating emotions with different colours, and used



sponges to create paintings for each emotion with the chosen colour.



On the final day of the week, we talked about what love means and about the beautiful things we can do for the ones we love. We

celebrated St. Valentine's Day by making a card and book marks for our families.

This half-term we will look at people who help us and talk about their roles in the community. We are starting with the Police this week, and the children will be learning all about their role in keeping us safe.

## Nursery

The Nursery children were happy to be back after the half term break. The children were encouraged to share stories of what they did and how they felt during the break in our 'News period'.

This week, we are going to talk about the people who help us. We begin this topic this week by introducing the children to the dentist! We are also going to talk about



oral hygiene and the food we eat. We are going to talk about how the dentists help us and what we need to do to have healthy teeth.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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